

REMARKS

In the Official Action of April 7, 2008, the Examiner required an election under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372 among four allegedly distinct inventions, namely:

Group I, referring to claims 1-58, drawn to a sensor comprised of a sensor element;

Group II, referring to claims 59-60, drawn to a method for detecting a target analyte;

Group III, referring to claim 61, drawn to a bacterial cell; and

Group IV, referring to claim 62, drawn to a method for making a sensor.

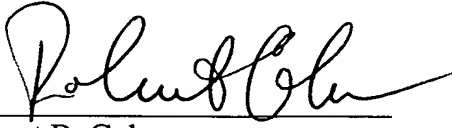
The Examiner has contended that the inventions of Groups I-IV do not relate to a general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because they lack the same or corresponding special technical features.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-58, for further prosecution in this application. Accordingly, claims 59-62 stand withdrawn from consideration in the present application without prejudice to applicant's right to file one or more divisional applications directed thereto.

No fee is believed necessary for this response. However, if the Examiner believes a fee is due, authorization is hereby given to charge same to Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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